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1. Since late November 1950, Kwangtung Provincial authorities have been arresting former Nationalist Government civil and military officials who are potentially disloyal. These include officials who were in Communist employ at the time of their arrest, suspected Nationalist agents, and local leaders such as hsiang chang* and landlords.
2. Persons arrested are being shipped to Hankow, where they are placed in nearby concentration camps. Some of them are being employed in slave-labor gangs. There are reports that some particularly obstinate anti-Communists have been executed by their guards while en route to Hankow. Among those arrested and moved north is General LI Chung-han.**
3. Four camps have been established in Kwangsi since the middle of November and placed under the control of the Political Department of the Kwangsi Military District. They are at Kueilin, Liuchow, Nanning, and Wuchow. Each has a capacity of between 1500 and 3000 persons. The camps are expected to receive the following types of people:

- a. Minor Nationalist agents.
- b. Former Nationalist officials of hien or higher levels whose conduct is unacceptable to the Communists.
- c. Landlords, local chiefs, and heads of guerrilla-controlled villages and garrison towns.
- d. Die-hard intellectuals.
- e. Defected Nationalists unable to adjust to the Communist regime.

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- * [] Comment. Hsiang chang is presumably 鄉長, local leaders.
- ** [] Comment. Characters received as 李仲衡 LI Chung-han.

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